

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Yoshihiko KON, et al.

Serial No: 09/818,249

Filed: March 26, 2001

For: LEVEL ADJUSTMENT CIRCUIT

Art Unit: 2643
Examiner: Stella L. Woo

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Small entity status has been claimed. See 37 CFR § 1.27.
 A Notice Of Change Of Attorney's Address and Associate Power Of Attorney is enclosed.
 No additional fee is required.

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TOTAL CLAIMS FEE	4	-20	20	**	0	LG=\$50 SM=\$25	\$50
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE	3	-3	3	***	0	LG=\$200 SM=\$100	\$200
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS						LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$360 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$180	\$ 0
ADDITIONAL SIZE FEE (IF ANY) (TOTAL PAGES OF SPEC AND DRAWINGS TOGETHER)						\$250 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL 50 SHEETS	\$ 0
						TOTAL	\$ 0

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 12, 2005, the deadline for response to which is being extended by three months to March 13, 2006 (the first business day following March 12, 2006) by the accompanying petition, please consider the following remarks:

The claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.